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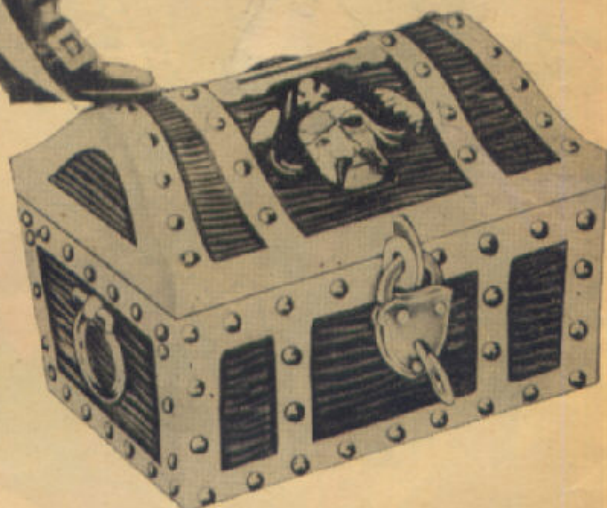


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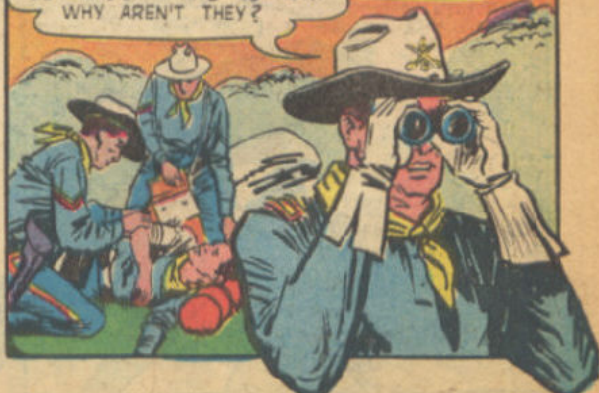
JUST AS SITTING BULL AND CRAZY HORSE ARE RALLYING SIOUX WARRIORS FOR THE ATTACK THAT IS TO RESULT IN THE MASSACRE OF GENERAL GEORGE CUSTER AND HIS SEVENTH CAVALRY—A SIMILAR UPRISING OF APACHE HORDES IS UNDER WAY IN THE SOUTHWEST! FROM THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS COME MESCALERO AND MAMBRENO, CHIRACAHUA AND TONTO WARRIORS, TO ADD THEIR WEAPONS TO THE REDMAN REVOLT SWEEPING THE WEST...STANDING ALONE BETWEEN THEM AND THE DEATH OF EVERY WHITE MAN WEST OF THE RED RIVER IS REDMASK AND A DETAIL OF U.S. CAVALRYMEN ON A

## DEATH MISSION!

WORD COMES SUDDENLY TO THE LITTLE CAVALRY PATROL OUT OF FT. DANGER THAT THE APACHE HORDES ARE RIDING...

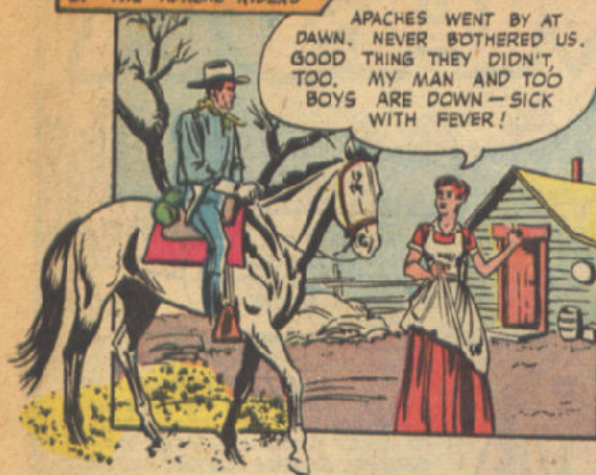


THEY AREN'T ATTACKING. JUST MOVING ON. AND THERE MUST BE *HUNDREDS* OF THEM! I DON'T LIKE IT! THOSE RED DEVILS SHOULD BE SLAUGHTERING US NOW. WHY AREN'T THEY?





AS THE DETAIL RIDES ON, CAPTAIN ELIAS HOOKER  
DISCOVERS THAT OTHERS STILL LIVE IN THE MIDST  
OF THE APACHE RIDERS—



ALL THAT AFTERNOON, APACHE RIDERS MOVE SOUTH-  
WARD IN LITTLE BANDS...



THEN, TOWARD MORNING, AS DAWN FLUSHES THE  
ROCK SHELTER A DULL RED...



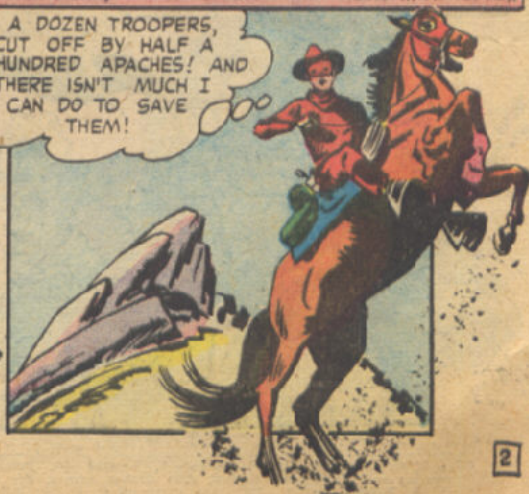
PONY SOLDIER'S SCALPS  
MAKE GOOD PRESENT  
FOR GERONIMO!

HU! WHEN PONY  
SOLDIERS DEAD, THEY  
CAN'T TELL OTHER  
SOLDIERS WHAT  
APACHE DO!



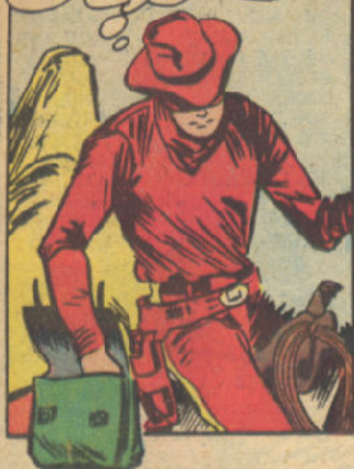
ON THE HIGH STONE BLUFFS ABOVE THE TRAPPED  
CAVALRYMEN, A RED-GARBED MAN REINS IN ABRUPTLY.

A DOZEN TROOPERS,  
CUT OFF BY HALF A  
HUNDRED APACHES! AND  
THERE ISN'T MUCH I  
CAN DO TO SAVE  
THEM!





THERE'S JUST A CHANCE...  
IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT  
SPOT...THAT I MIGHT BE  
ABLE TO GIVE THOSE MEN  
A HAND, AT THAT!



APACHES CAUGHT THE MEN  
DRIVING THE SUPPLY WAGONS  
TO THE RAILROAD THEY'RE  
BUILDING NEAR BULLET. I  
GRABBED SOME OF THE DYNAMITE  
STICKS ON THE OFF CHANCE  
THEY MIGHT COME IN HANDY  
AGAINST THE REDSKINS.  
NOW I'M GLAD I DID!



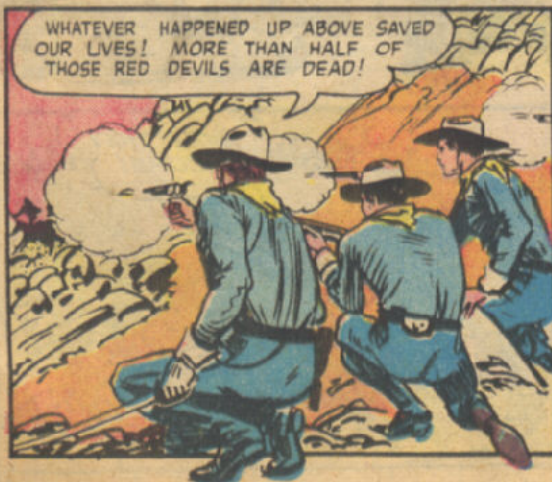
A MOMENT AFTER HE HAS  
WEDGED HIS EXPLOSIVES INTO  
THE CLIFFTOP ROCKS, REDMASK  
TOUCHES THEM OFF FROM A  
MASTER FUSE. THE ENTIRE SIDE  
OF THE CLIFF SEEMS TO LEAP  
HIGH—



STONE AND ROCK THUD AND BOUNCE AMID THE STUNNED APACHES.  
A LANDSLIDE GATHERS MOMENTUM—SWEEPS ACROSS THEM!



WHATEVER HAPPENED UP ABOVE SAVED  
OUR LIVES! MORE THAN HALF OF  
THOSE RED DEVILS ARE DEAD!



AND THE REST WON'T BOTHER  
YOU ANYMORE. THEY'RE HOT-  
FOOTING IT OFF TO FIND  
GERONIMO!



**REDMASK!**

LUCKY THING FOR US  
YOU SHOWED UP WHEN  
YOU DID!





I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING  
DIFFERENT BANDS OF  
APACHES, ALL  
THE WAY FROM  
TEN CORNERS.  
THEY SEEM TO  
BE HEADING  
FOR SKULL  
CANYON!

WE'VE  
HAD  
WORD  
THE SIOUX  
ARE MEETING  
UP NORTH.  
GENERALS RENO  
AND CUSTER ARE  
RIDING TO FIGHT  
THEM IN THE  
LITTLE BIG HORN.  
THINK THERE'S  
ANY CONNECTION?



I THINK THE INDIANS ARE  
RISING UP ALL OVER THE  
WEST. IF GERONIMO CAN  
UNITE HIS APACHES, HE'LL  
MASSACRE EVERY SETTLER  
AND SOLDIER FROM HERE  
TO THE RED RIVER!



CAPTAIN ELIAS HOOKER RIDES  
WITH TIGHT LIPS. REDMASK  
HAS SPOKEN WITH A RING OF  
TRUTH IN HIS WORDS. THAT  
NIGHT AT THE BIVOAC FIRES—

MY SCOUT HERE,  
FALLEN DOG, TELLS  
ME THE APACHES  
ARE UP ALL OVER.  
LOOKS AS IF  
YOU WERE RIGHT!  
WE MUST GET  
WORD TO  
FORT DANGER!

APACHE  
NOT LET  
YOU GO  
BACK.  
RIDE  
FORWARD  
TO SKULL  
CANYON,  
YES.  
NO LET YOU  
RIDE OTHER  
WAY!



THEN WE'LL  
RIDE ON TO  
SKULL CANYON,  
CONFIRM OUR  
SUSPICIONS,  
THEN—OHHH!

WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
YOU LOOK  
FEVERISH!



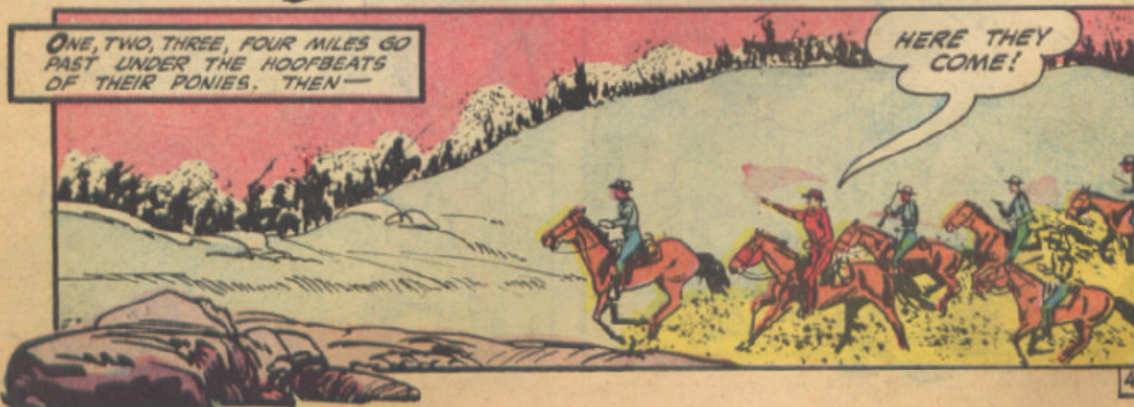
FELT  
DIZZY  
ALL  
OF A  
SUDDEN!  
WEAK!  
BUT I'LL  
BE ALL  
RIGHT  
AFTER  
A REST!

THEN WE'LL RIDE  
OUT AT DAWN, IF  
WE DON'T LEARN  
WHAT THE APACHES  
ARE DOING, AND  
MANAGE TO GET  
WORD TO FORT  
DANGER, NO WHITE  
MAN BETWEEN  
ARKANSAS AND THE  
PACIFIC WILL BE  
SAFE!



NEXT DAY THE LITTLE COLUMN  
RIDES. WATCHING THEIR  
PROGRESS ARE HARD, CRUEL  
BLACK EYES—

WHEN PONY  
SOLDIERS GO  
FIVE MILES  
MORE—WE  
SMASH THEM!

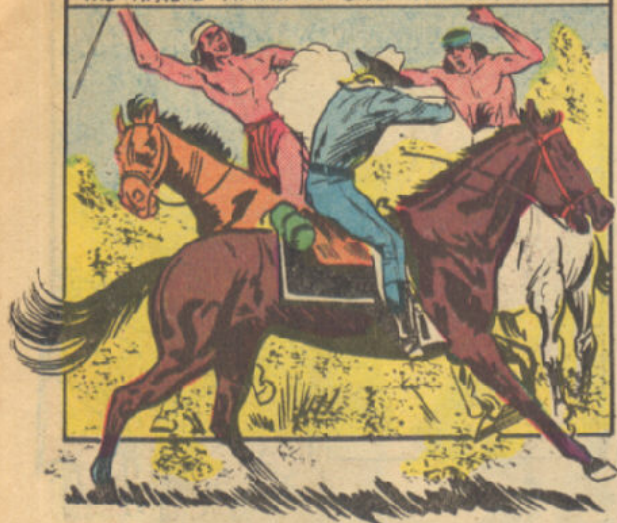


ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR MILES GO  
PAST UNDER THE HOOFS  
OF THEIR PONIES. THEN—

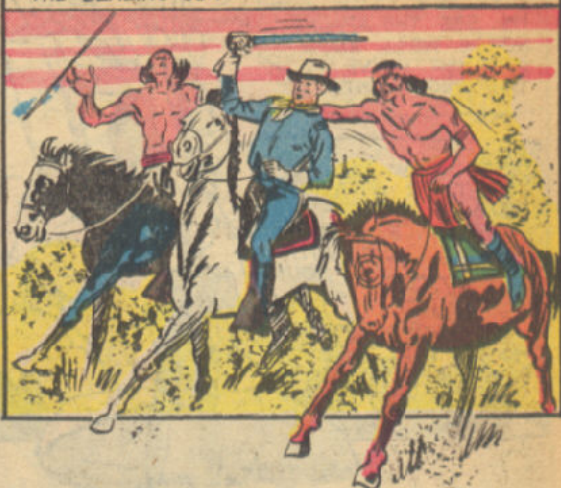
HERE THEY  
COME!



THE APACHE ATTACK IS BRIEF AND SAVAGE—



EACH MAN IS A HERO AS HE FIGHTS UNDER THE BLAZING SUN—



AGAIN AND AGAIN, REDMASK'S THUNDERING SIXGUNS SPIT THEIR RED FLAME...

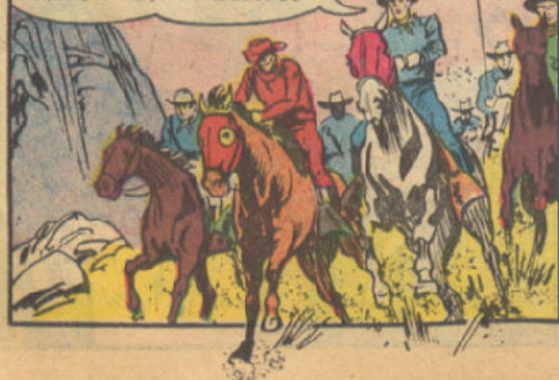


HIT FOR THE HILLS! ON THE DOUBLE!



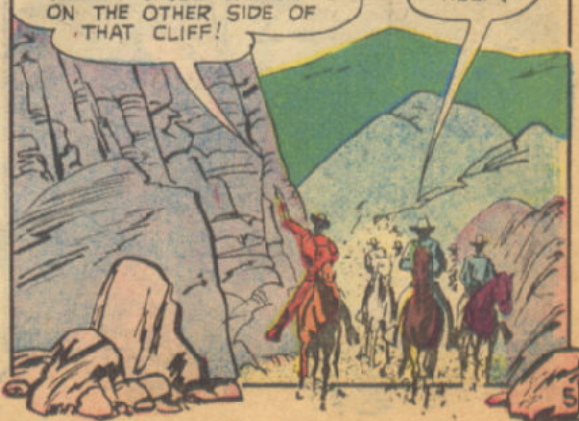
WITH SABRE-CHAINS JINGLING, KNOWING THEY HAVE LEFT SOME OF THEIR COMPANIONS DEAD BEHIND THEM, THE LITTLE DETAIL HURTLÉS ON—

LOOKS LIKE THE JIG IS UP, REDMASK! WE CAN'T FIGHT THE WHOLE APACHE NATION BY OURSELVES!

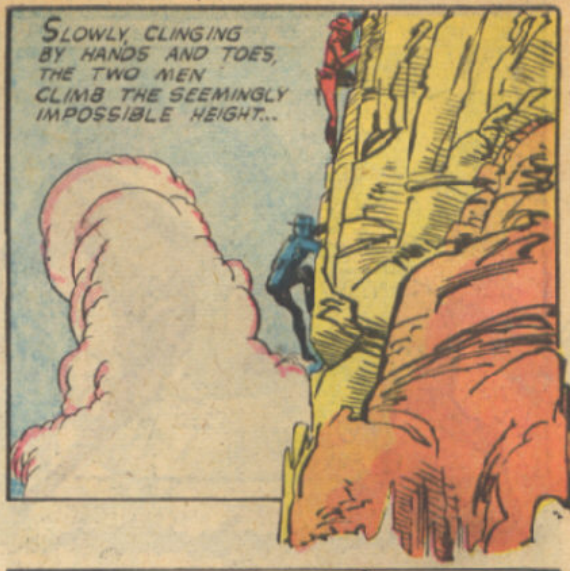


WE MUST FIGHT THEM, AND WIN! OR ELSE THEY'LL SWEEP ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST IN A STORM OF BLOOD AND DEATH. LOOK UP THERE! SKULL CANYON IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT CLIFF!

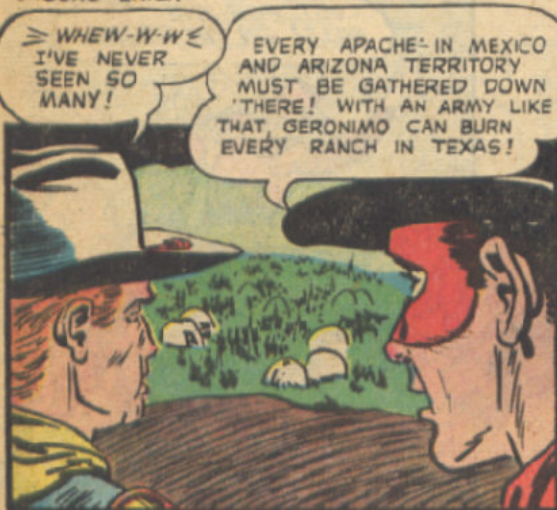
KNOWING THAT ISN'T ANY HELP!







HOURS LATER—





REDMASK AND CAPTAIN HOOKER ARE THROWN INTO A BRUSH WICKIUP. FOR THREE DAYS THEY ARE TENDED CAREFULLY...

THEY WANT US TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE TORTURE CEREMONIES!



ON THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON, THEY ARE TAKEN OUT TO THE STAKES...

YOU DIE NOW, REDMASK. YOU AND PONY SOLDIER WILL LAST UNTIL DAWN WITH OUR TORTURES. THEN WE WILL KILL YOU!



YOU WILL NEVER ATTACK THE SETTLEMENTS! YOU WILL NEVER TORTURE US! LOOK AT YOUR FACES! YOU ARE ALL DOOMED MEN!



EVEN AS REDMASK SPEAKS, THE MEDICINE MAN FALLS OVER SENSELESS. ONE BY ONE, OTHER APACHES DROP AROUND HIM!

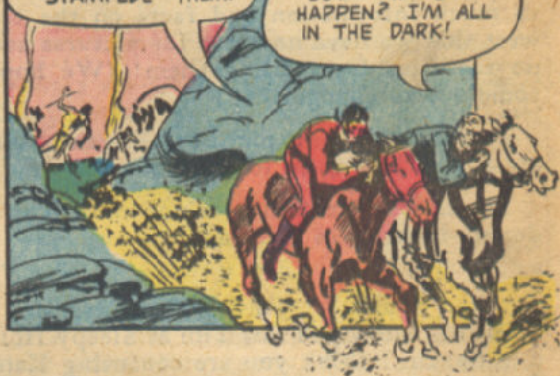
WHAT IN THUNDER HAPPENED? ARE YOU A MAGICIAN?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT, CAPTAIN! DON'T BOTHER TO TALK NOW, CAPTAIN, LET'S MAKE TRACKS OUT OF HERE!



LUCKILY, THEY DIDN'T FINISH TYING US UP WHEN I RECOGNIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING! THEIR PONY HERD IS YONDER. LET'S STAMPEDE THEM!

BUT WHAT DID HAPPEN? I'M ALL IN THE DARK!



OH... I FEEL WEAK AGAIN! FEVERISH!

THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, CAPTAIN! THAT FAMILY YOU VISITED—WITH THE SICK FATHER AND TWO SONS—MUST HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM SMALLPOX!



YOU CAUGHT THE SMALLPOX, BUT ARMY INOCULATIONS AND THE IMMUNITY OF THE WHITE MAN KEPT YOU GOING. THE INDIAN HAS NO SUCH IMMUNITY. TO HIM, IT'S A DEADLY PLAGUE! AND SINCE ALL THOSE APACHES ARE GATHERED TOGETHER, THEY'LL ALL GET IT! I THINK THE APACHE POWER IN THE SOUTHWEST IS BROKEN—FOREVER!



—THE END—



# REDMASK'S CAVE

DUE to the large number of letters than have been dumped on the floor of my cave, I find that I must write this little preface to express my regrets that we have no pictures of me or the *Black Phantom* available for mailing to you. However, we are trying to work out something. When we do, we will make an announcement in these pages. In the meantime, keep writing your letters!

\* \* \*

To: June Adams, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Peter Cherry, Hicksville, N. Y.; Jo Ann Ferrell, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Eugene Clements, Stuart Florida.; Dianna Spaur, Akron, Ohio.

For you movie fans, the best thing to do to obtain autographs or pictures would be to write to the motion picture studio (RKO). Tim and his studio will be glad to answer your requests. This Cave of mine has so much information and facts on the old west that we have no room for pictures and no facilities for mailing them! (We hope some day to change that.)

Thanks for your pictures, Eugene. We are forwarding them to our artist.

The *Black Phantom* does not know Tim's double identity as Redmask.

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To: Earl Shank, Jr., Folsom, Pennsylvania.

Glad to know you saw Tim at Sleepy Hollow Ranch. I think you are confusing Kate Quantrell with "Cattle Kate," whose real name was Ella Watson.

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To: Carol Anderson, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; Dewitt Sayer, Prattville, Alabama.

One of the foremost biographies of Billy the Kid is *THE SAGA OF BILLY THE KID* by Walter Noble Burns. I am sure your local library has a copy of this book. If you are unable to locate any of the books you mention, write to O'MALLEY'S BOOKSTORE, Fourth Avenue, New York City. The O'Malleys have helped the Cave locate out-of-print books several times in the past.

We do not sell any books at the Cave, due to lack of space needed to store them. However, the above-mentioned O'Malley's or

Brentano's on Fifth Avenue, New York City, would be able to get you the books you mention. Why not write to them?

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To: Herbert Posey, Cincinnati, Ohio; Caralie Balch, Plains, Montana; Linda Slater, Onamia, Minnesota; Dwight Cunningham, Lufkin, Texas; Donna Horn, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Johnny Cather, Natchez, Miss.; Lester Harmon, Hebron, Maryland; Billy Thomas, Hampton, Georgia.

Jesse James is not living. He was shot and killed by Bob Ford. A picture of the dead Jesse James is in the files at the Cave.

Wild Bill Hickok wore his yellow hair quite long, as was the custom along the western frontier in the days of the old west. Wild Bill Hickok and Will Bill Elliott are not the same person. Wild Bill Elliott is a movie star.

Calamity Jane was a friend of Wild Bill Hickok, but she never married him. It is a pleasant myth that, when she died, she shot the letters *wild bill hickok* in the wall of her room with her revolvers. Wild Bill Hickok was not murdered by Calamity Jane, but by Jack McCall. Calamity Jane and Hickok were good friends.

Billy the Kid was lefthanded. He usually wore one gun, though at times he has been known to have carried two. He killed his first man at the age of twelve, with a knife.

Sorry, we cannot answer personal questions.

Yes, Sam Bass was a real western outlaw. I am inclined to doubt that Calamity Jane was overly fond of him. Remember, the movies sometimes take a few liberties with the truth, in order to make a good story even better!



The Black Phantom is an outlaw queen turned honest. She is an expert rider and crack shot, and she uses her skills to bring outlaws and killers to justice. There is a separate comic book entitled **THE BLACK PHANTOM**, now on the stands.

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To: Charles Collier, Norlina, North Carolina;  
Nan Clayton, Chatham, Massachusetts.

A red horse is generally called a sorrel, or a roan. There is also a bluish colored horse called a blue roan, or *grulla*.

Kit Carson was a real person.

A horse is usually stopped by a pull of the reins, rather than by the cry, "Whoa!" A bronc can be either a male or stallion. A *bronc* usually means a wild horse or mustang, but by constant usage, it has come to be synonymous with horse itself.

\* \* \*

To: C. B. Kaufman, Allison Park, N. J.; Paul Craig, Omra, Wisconsin; Dorina Fraysher, Chino, California; Page Parks, no address; Sue Ann Summers, Portland, Mich.; Edward Pican, St. Ann, Ontario, Canada.

The Lone Ranger is a fictitious person. He never lived in real life. Kid Colt was a real person. We have no record of anyone named Dan Reid in our files.

Billy the Kid was twenty-one years old when he was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

Annie Oakley was a real person. The Cisco Kid is a fictitious person created by O. Henry.

Some of the more famous good gunmen of the old west—those who fought on the side of law and order—were: Wild Bill Hickok, Billy Tilghman, Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp, and Burton Mossman.

\* \* \*

To: Toni Metcalf, Port Royal, S. C.; David Dallas, New York, N. Y.; Billy Leroy Moore, Custer, South Dakota.

The town of Bullet is in Arizona. Redmask carries one gun, usually, in his special holster that is fitted with a sheath for his knife.

We will pass on your idea, Toni. It sounds good to us. I've a feeling the Black Phantom would like to get out of her uniform and into some nice dresses occasionally, too!

The Black Phantom will continue to be a regular member of the Redmask books. She also has her own special comic now. Keep your eyes peeled for its appearance.

To: No name, Huntsville, Alabama; Ronny Anderson, Huron, Tennessee; Kenner James MacDonald, Manitoba, Canada.

Roy Rogers and Dale Evans are husband and wife. Roy Rogers uses the title, King of the Cowboys.

Rex Allen is a real person. So is Rocky Lane.

The Lone Ranger is a fictional character, so that in real life, he was never a member of the Texas Rangers. However, in his fictional character, he did belong to that body of able fighting men.

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To: John Unterberg, Yonkers, N. Y.

Arizona is the youngest state in the Union. It was admitted to statehood in 1912.

Yes, Indians do make comb and brushes from grass. They use grama grass or purple hair-grass for this purpose. The Navajos make combs and brushes that are over a foot long.

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To: Linda Ann Fox, Mattituck, New York

There are 2000 different kinds of cactus! During the summer months, these cacti plants have lovely flowers: some are brilliant crimson, some a bright yellow, some are orange and others are a pale lemon.

The largest cactus is the saguaro, that reaches the proportions of a tree. It grows over forty feet tall.

Just as the Indians used the cactus to make themselves candy, flour and tiswin, so modern men are discovering that the cactus will produce an oil that is the basis for a startling new face cream!

Cactus wood has been carved into pipes and ash trays and other novelties. One kind of cactus has an apple called a tuna apple that is very good eating. Some types of cactus live to be more than two centuries old!

Keep writing in, readers! Here in the Cave I have files on the old west and the new west, and am always ready to tell you what you want to know.

Regards to all!  
**REDMASK**

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MURDER IN THE NIGHT. A DEAD MAN'S HAND REACHING OUT OF THE GRAVE TO POINT AN ACCUSING FINGER AT HIS KILLER—BUT REDMASK CANNOT SEE THE WARNING HAND! AND SO DEATH AND GREED COME STALKING THROUGH THE BULLET COUNTRY, WITH A DANGEROUS KILLER RUNNING LOOSE, FOR NO MAN UNDERSTANDS THE STRANGE RIDDLE OF—

## THE GHOST PICTURE

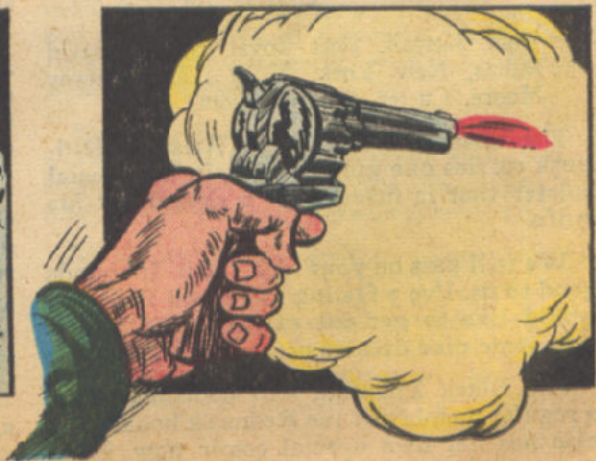


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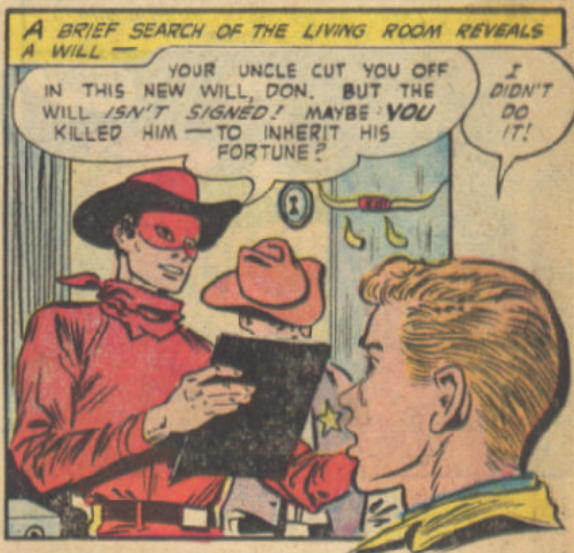
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IT IS LATE AT NIGHT IN BULLET WHEN A DAZZLING LIGHT ERUPTS IN THE JONES LIVING ROOM—

AT THAT SAME TIME A SMITH AND WESSON .41 ROARS SAVAGELY...









LATER, AFTER DON JONES IS LOCKED BEHIND BARS

LOOKS AS IF WE'VE SOLVED OUR CASE. EVERYTHING POINTS TO THE NEPHEW HAVING DONE IT!

THAT'S WHAT BOTHERS ME. THE CASE AGAINST HIM IS **TOO** GOOD!



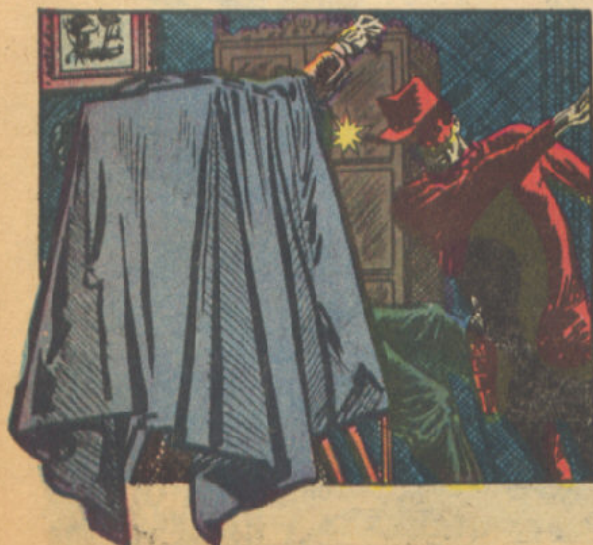
AFTER DINNER, I'M GOING BACK TO THAT SITTING-ROOM TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AROUND. I STILL CAN'T EXPLAIN THAT BLINDING LIGHT. IT PLAYS SOME PART IN THE MURDER—BUT WHAT PART? IT DOESN'T "FIT INTO" THE CASE. COME ON, WE'VE PUT OFF EATING DINNER LONG ENOUGH!



AN HOUR LATER, AS REDMASK ENTERS THE JONES' SITTING ROOM—



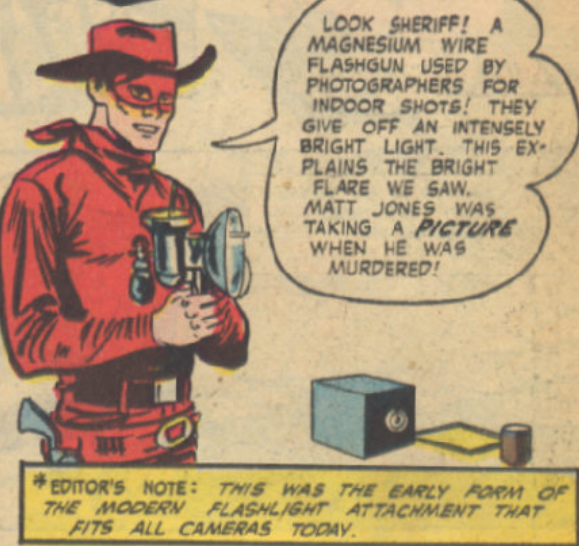
THE HOARSE BREATHING OF STRUGGLING MEN FILLS THE ROOM—



AS HE HURTLES FORWARD, REDMASK RUNS FULL ONTO THE UPLIFTED BOOT OF HIS UNKNOWN ASSAILANT!









IT'S A LETTER FROM JONES AUTHORIZING HIS GOLD MINE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE SHIPMENT TOMORROW. THERE'S A WINTER SUPPLY OF GOLD WAITING IN THOSE WAGONS — CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH! A PRIZE SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK WORTH **MURDER!**



WHERE YOU HEADED?

OUT TO THOSE GOLD MINES. IF OUR KILLER IS AFTER THAT GOLD SHIPMENT, I MEAN TO BE ON HAND WHEN HE MAKES HIS TRY! YOU GO AFTER DON JONES! IT MIGHT BE THAT WE'RE AFTER THE SAME MAN!

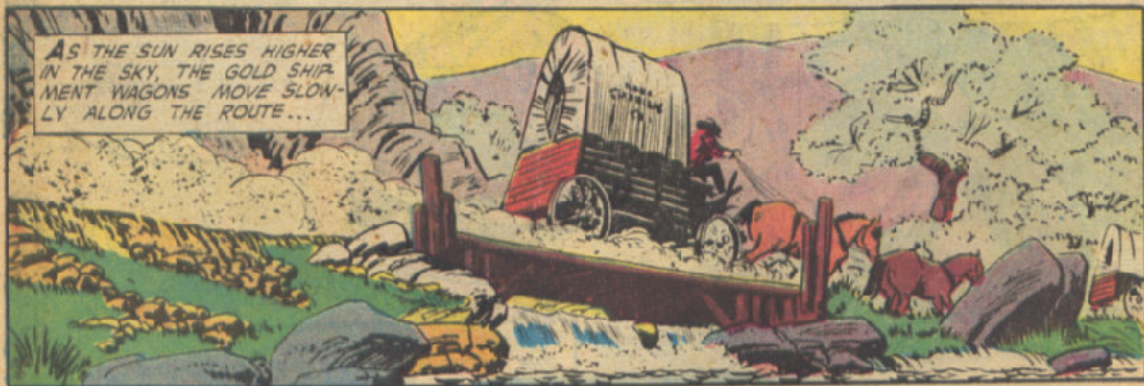


**HOURS LATER, REDMASK REINS UP HIGH ABOVE THE GOLD MINE BUILDINGS —**

OLD MATT WAS PLENTY SECREITIVE ABOUT HIS SHIPMENT DATE FOR THAT GOLD. MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE WAS NEVER ROBBED!



AS THE SUN RISES HIGHER IN THE SKY, THE GOLD SHIPMENT WAGONS MOVE SLOWLY ALONG THE ROUTE...



SOME MILES BEYOND RED BUTTES, MASKED MEN WAIT FOR THE FABULOUSLY LOADED VANS —

HERE THEY COME!

THIS WILL BE A CINCH!



CLIMB DOWN, ALL OF YOU!

THEN LIE FLAT ON YOUR FACES!

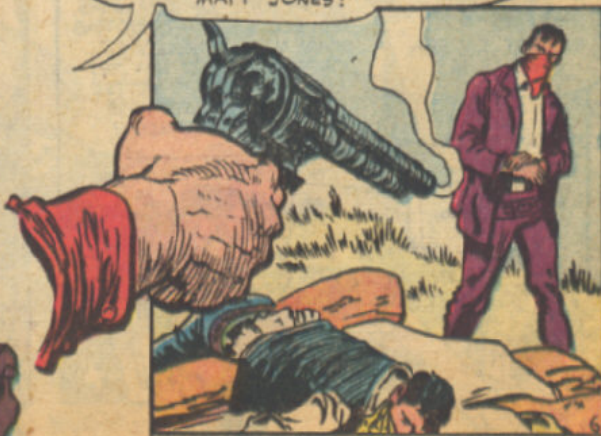




THE THUNDER OF HIS HORSE'S HOOF IS ECHOED BY HIS ROARING SIXGUNS AS REDMASK HURTTLES DOWN ON THE ROBBERS—



WE'LL TIE YOU BOYS UP AND LUG YOU INTO THE BULLET JAIL. I'VE A FEELING THAT I KNOW NOW WHO KILLED MATT JONES!



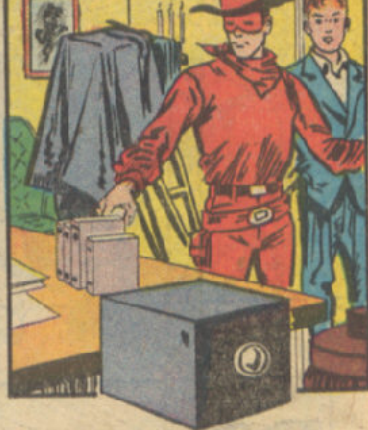
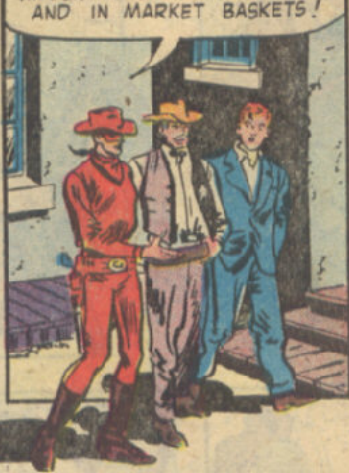
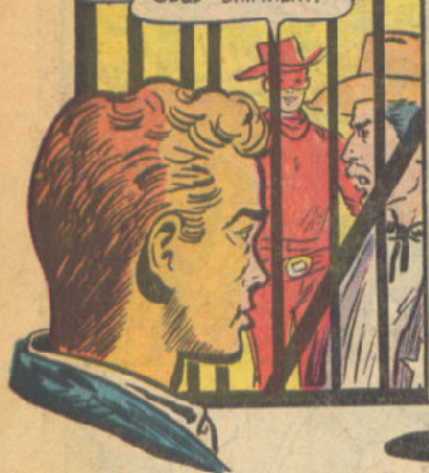


**IN BULLET, NEXT DAY—**

GLAD YOU BROUGHT DON IN, SHERIFF. I THINK HE'S INNOCENT. INHERITING FROM HIS UNCLE— THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR HIM TO TRY TO ROB THE GOLD SHIPMENT!

OLD MATT JONES USED TO HIDE SMALL CAMERAS IN UNUSUAL PLACES, TO GET NATURAL POSES BY PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT SUSPECT A PICTURE WAS BEING TAKEN. SUCH CAMERAS HAVE BEEN HIDDEN IN LARGE BOOKS AND IN MARKET BASKETS!

JONES LAY HERE WHEN WE FOUND HIM. THE ANGLE OF HIS DEATH WOUND SHOWS THE KILLER MUST HAVE STOOD RIGHT ABOUT WHERE I AM NOW!



THE ONLY THING THAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE TAKEN A PICTURE OF THE KILLER FROM SUCH AN ANGLE WOULD BE A CAMERA HIDDEN IN THE STATUE OF LINCOLN!

HERE'S THE CAMERA. INSIDE THE HOLLOW STATUE! THE LENS WAS ALWAYS OPEN, BUT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH LIGHT TO TAKE A PICTURE UNTIL MATT JONES TOUCHED OFF THE FLASHGUN AND USED IT WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS GOING TO BE SHOT!



**LATER, WHEN THE DRY PLATE IS DEVELOPED—**

I DEVELOPED THE DRY PLATE IN THAT CAMERA. HERE IT IS!

A PICTURE OF BANDERS, THE SECRETARY—SHOOTING DOWN MATT JONES WHEN JONES SURPRISED HIM TRYING TO FIND THE LETTER SETTING THE DATE FOR THAT GOLD SHIPMENT!

BANDERS WANTED TO STEAL THAT GOLD, BUT HE HAD TO GET THAT LETTER STATING THE SHIPMENT DATE, SO HIS HIRED GUNMEN COULD STEAL IT. JONES CAUGHT HIM. FLUSTERED, DAN BANDERS SHOT AND KILLED HIM, THEN TRIED TO PIN THE MURDER ON DON JONES, WITH WHOM HIS UNCLE HAD QUARRELED...



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## THE GIRL WHO SAW DOUBLE



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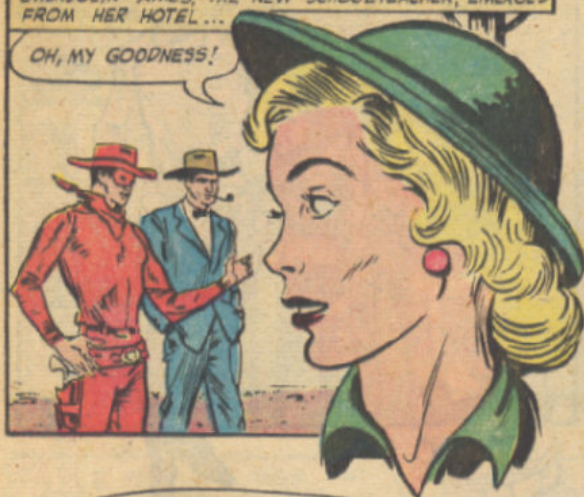
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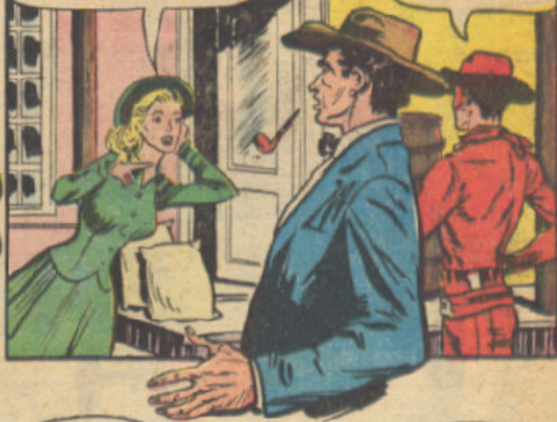
THE STAGE ROLLS ON INTO BULLET. A REPORT OF THE ROBBERY IS MADE. LATER THAT NIGHT, AS GWENDOLYN AMES, THE NEW SCHOOLTEACHER, EMERGES FROM HER HOTEL...

OH, MY GOODNESS!



ARREST THAT MAN! I SAW HIM ROB THE STAGECOACH THIS AFTER-NOON! A BREEZE BLEW HIS BANDANNA TO ONE SIDE TO LET ME SEE HIS FACE! I'LL NEVER FORGET IT!

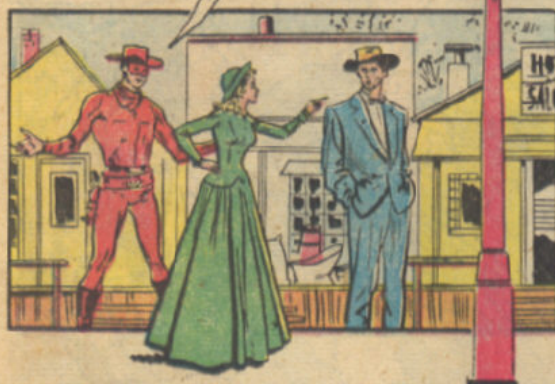
MA-AM... YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN!



THIS MAN IS JIM EMERSON... A RESPECTED RANCHER AROUND THESE PARTS. I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T HOLD UP A STAGECOACH. HE'D HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE IF HE WERE RECOGNIZED!

IF YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME, I'LL GO SEE THE SHERIFF!

SURE IS FUNNY HOW HONEST PEOPLE CAN MAKE MISTAKES. THAT GIRL REALLY BELIEVES YOU'RE THE MAN SHE SAW!



SOMEWHAT LATER, IN THE SHADOWY BACK ROOM OF A LOCAL HOTEL...

THIS FOOL GIRL WILL RUIN EVERYTHING! YOU BOYS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HER, UNDERSTAND?

I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, BUT I DON'T WANT HER ALIVE TOMORROW, TO MAKE HER ACCUSATIONS!





AT THAT MOMENT, IN SHERIFF GAGE'S OFFICE—

THE GIRL IS A SCHOOL-TEACHER, TRAINED AND OBSERVANT. IF SHE SAW EMERSON, SHE **SAW** HIM!

SHE ONLY **THINKS** SHE SAW HIM! HYSTERIA... SIMPLE NERVOUSNESS, MAYBE. SHE'D ACCUSE ANY MAN WHO LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE EMERSON.



HOWEVER, IF IT'LL MAKE YOU ANY HAPPIER, I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH HER.

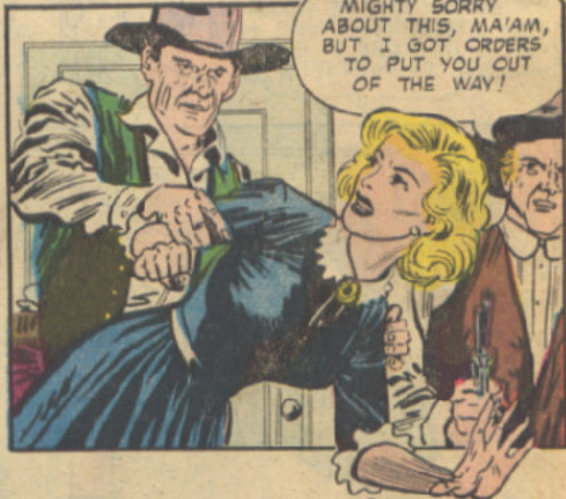


AT A KNOCK ON HER HOTEL DOOR, GWENDOLYN AMES THROWS IT OPEN—

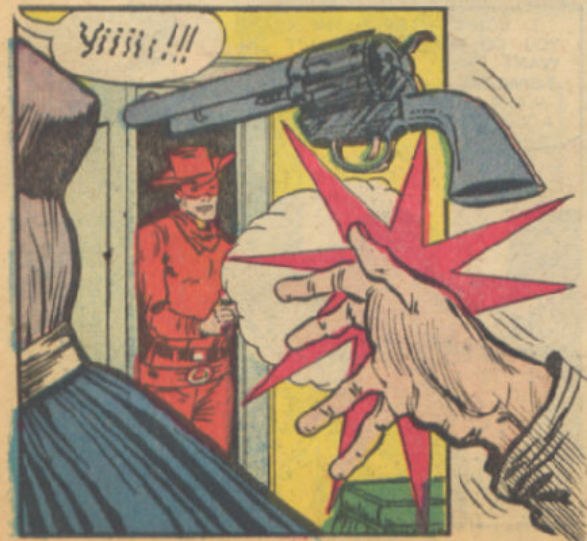
WE'RE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MA'AM. WE—GRAB HER, HANK!



MIGHTY SORRY ABOUT THIS, MA'AM, BUT I GOT ORDERS TO PUT YOU OUT OF THE WAY!



Yikes!!!







AFTER A RESTLESS NIGHT, GIVENDOLYN AMES HIRES A SADDLE PONY NEXT DAY AND RIDES OUT OF BULLET—



TWO HOURS LATER, AT THE EMERSON BOX CIRCLE RANCH—





BEFORE SHE CAN KNOCK, THE NEW SCHOOLTEACHER FINDS THE DOOR OPENING, AND POWERFUL HANDS REACHING FOR HER!



COME ON IN, LADY!

YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN SEE ME ROB A STAGECOACH EVEN WHILE I'M OUT RIDING WITH REDMASK? COME ON IN AND I'LL TELL YOU THE ANSWER!



LET ME GO! LET ME GO!

THERE'S YOUR ANSWER! THERE'S THE MAN WHO WAS OUT RIDING WITH REDMASK! I'M THE MAN WHO ROBBED THE STAGECOACH! I'M JIM EMERSON'S TWIN BROTHER!



OH! MY GOODNESS!

I'M LUKE EMERSON, THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY. WHILE JIM WAS BUILDING UP HIS BOX CIRCLE RANCH UNTIL IT'S ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST IN ARIZONA, I WAS ROBBING PEOPLE, GETTING CAUGHT FOR IT, AND BEING SENT TO JAIL!



NOBODY KNOWS ME AROUND THESE PARTS. THEY ONLY KNOW JIM! WHICH IS FINE FOR ME, BECAUSE AFTER I'VE KILLED HIM, I'LL BE JIM! I'LL HAVE ME A RICH RANCH, PLENTY OF MONEY, AND THE RESPECT OF EVERYBODY IN THESE PARTS!



THAT'S WHY YOU GOT TO DIE, TOO. YOU AND JIM KNOW TOO MUCH. WITH EITHER OF YOU ALIVE, I CAN'T BECOME JIM EMERSON SAFELY! SO IT'S GOT TO BE CURTAINS FOR YOU BOTH!



WITH HIS VICTIMS TIED TIGHTLY, LUKE EMERSON LEAVES THEM HIDDEN AMID THE DEBRIS AND REFUSE OF THE RANCH CELLAR...



I GOT TO RIDE INTO TOWN AND POST BOND FOR MY BOYS. REDMASK THREW 'EM IN JAIL, BUT HE AIN'T GOIN' TO KEEP THEM THERE! I'LL ATTEND TO YOU BOTH WHEN I GET BACK!



IN BULLET, A LITTLE AFTER MIDDAY—



REDMASK, HERE'S TWO BONDS FOR THOSE MEN YOU CAUGHT LAST NIGHT. THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HURT THAT GIRL. THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING ME A FAVOR!



I BEFREENDED THEM WHEN THEY WERE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK. THEY WANTED TO HELP ME OUT OF A TIGHT SPOT. THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THEY WERE ONLY MAKING IT WORSE FOR ME!

NOTHING COULD MAKE IT WORSE FOR YOU, JIM. I **KNOW** YOU'RE INNOCENT. I WAS WITH YOU WHEN THAT STAGE WAS HELD UP! I **KNOW** YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT!



I'M PUTTING THOSE GALOOTS TO WORK ON MY RANCH. I PROMISE YOU THEY'LL CAUSE NO MORE TROUBLE. I'LL PAY MISS AMES ANY DAMAGES!

THAT'S A RIGHT KIND OFFER, JIM. I'M SURE SHE'LL BE AGREEABLE! GOOD LUCK!



AS THE HOOFEATS OF THREE HORSES FADE INTO THE DISTANCE, REDMASK STRAIGHTENS ABRUPTLY—

THAT'S FUNNY! BUT IT COULDN'T BE! I'M AS BAD AS THAT AMES GIRL— SEEING THINGS THAT DON'T EXIST!



IT IS ALMOST DUSK WHEN LUKE EMERSON REINS IN AT THE BOX CIRCLE RANCH. WITH HIS THREE OUTLAW COMPANIONS AT HIS HEELS, HE DESCENDS TO THE RANCH CELLAR...

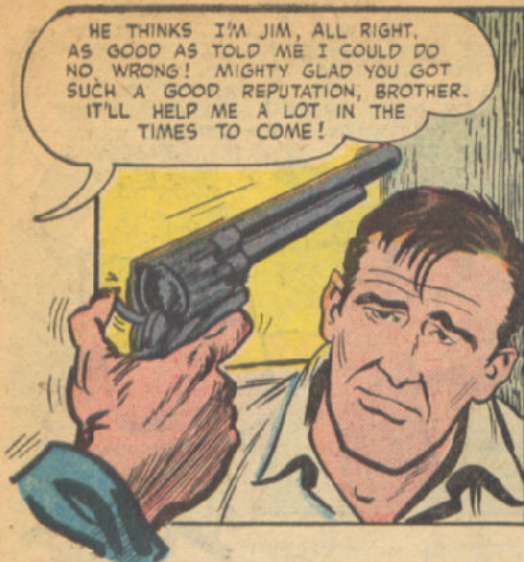
HERE THEY ARE, WAITING LIKE SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER!



SURE! YOU DON'T THINK I'D LET MY BOYS ROT IN JAIL, DO YOU? REDMASK THINKS I'M **MY** BROTHER JIM! ANYTHING I SAY, HE'LL BELIEVE. I GOT HIM EATING OUT OF MY HAND!

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"DON'T GO! DON'T GO..." THE CRIES OF THE TOWNSFOLK SPED PLEADINGLY AFTER HIM, BUT FOR THE WHITE-CLOAKED SENTINEL OF JUSTICE THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK! "DON'T GO!" WAILED THE NIGHT WIND. "DON'T GO..." BUT THE GHOST RIDER ROPE GRIMLY ONWARD

INTO  
DOOM  
VALLEY!



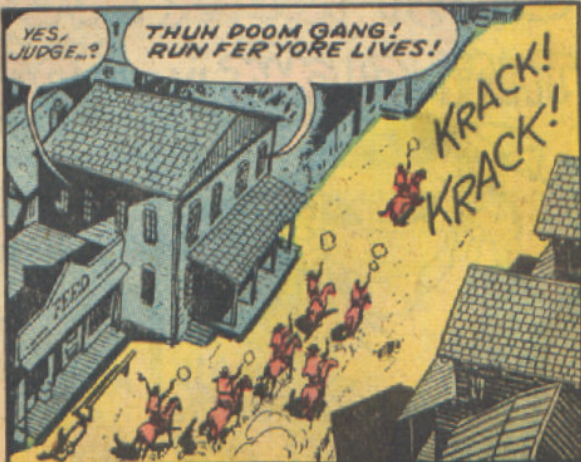
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NOT FAR FROM DOOM VALLEY, A NERVOUS JURYMAN RISES TO DELIVER THE VERDICT AT THE END OF THE FIRST TRIAL EVER HELD IN THE TERRITORY.

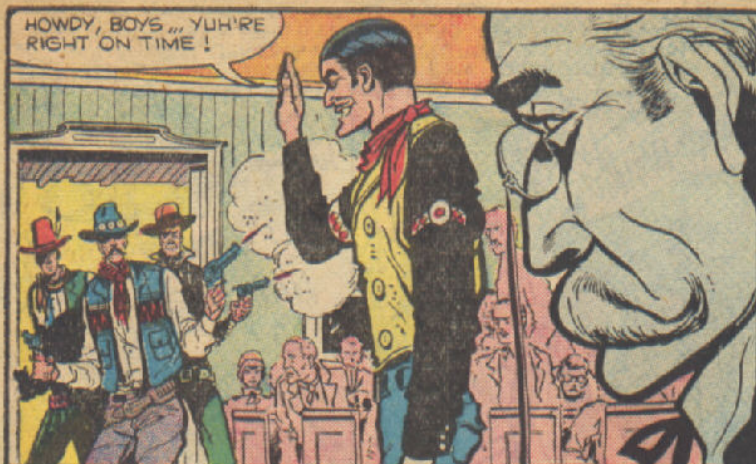


NOW THE JUDGE SPEAKS...

YOU'VE KEPT SMILING ALL THROUGH THE TRIAL, MIKE DOOM—BUT THAT SMILE'S GOING TO FADE NOW... WHEN I PRONOUNCE SENTENCE!



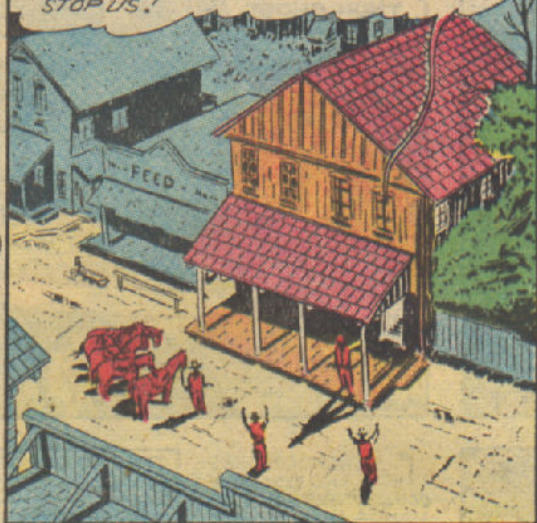




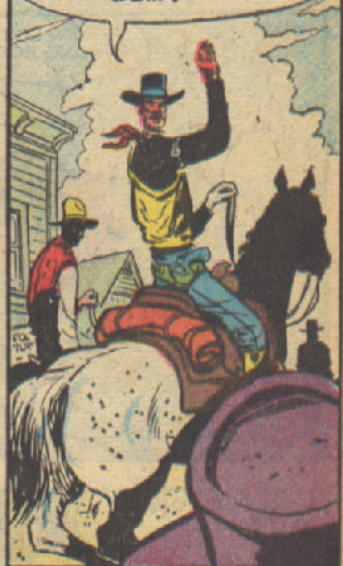
THIS IS NEW TERRITORY. ME AN' MY GANG ARE TOP-DOGS HERE! OUR HIDE-OUT'S NO SECRET— WE WORK CUTTA DOOM VALLEY! ANYBODY'S WELCOME TO COME AFTER US THAR— AN' LEAVE HIS BONES BLEACHIN' IN THUH SUN ...! LATELY, NEW FOLKS HAVE BEEN MOVIN' INTO THUH TERRITORY— UPPITY GALOODS THET THOUGHT IF THEY'D BUILD A COURTHOUSE AN' A JAIL, THEY'D TAME US ...!



SO I LET MYSELF BE HAULED IN, JAILED, AN' PUT TO TRIAL— AN' MY GANG WAITED TILL THUH **LAST** MINUTE TO SPRING ME, JUST SO THUH NEW FOLKS'D LEARN THEIR LESSON ... THAT MIKE DOOM AN' HIS GANG ARE SO STRONG, WE'LL COME AN' GO AS WE PLEASE! **NOBODY AN' NOTHIN'LL EVER STOP US!**



WE'RE ON OUR WAY BACK TO DOOM VALLEY! ANYBODY WHO FEELS LIKE DYIN' IS WELCOME TO FOLLOW US ...!



AFTER A HARD RIDE—

FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK IN THUH VALLEY AGAIN!

TOO BAD EVERYBODY WAS TOO SKEREED TO FOLLOW YUH, BOSS! NOT ONE OF 'EM WOULD'VE LEFT HERE ALIVE!



FOR A WEEK, MIKE DOOM AND HIS GANG TAKE IT EASY IN THEIR IMPREGNABLE VALLEY. THEN—

STAY WITH ME, MEN! I'M GONN' MAKE SUCH A BIG WITHDRAWAL FROM THUH RED GULCH BANK, I'LL NEED LOTSA HELP CARRYIN' ALL THUH MONEYBAGS!





FIRST THE BANK JOB!... A FEW WEEKS LATER, THEY RANGACK AN EXPRESS DEPOT, AND AFTER THAT, AN ASSAY OFFICE! AND ON ALL THESE FORAYS, MIKE DOOM'S CRUEL LAUGHTER TAUNTS THE TREMBLING ONLOOKERS...

EXPRESS DEPOT

LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE THUH FOLKS THET WERE GONNA TAME THUH TERRITORY! BUT MIKE DOOM SHOWED THEM IT WAS GONNA STAY WILD! AN' I'LL KEEP SHOWIN' THEM THET I'M BIGGER THAN THEIR LAW!

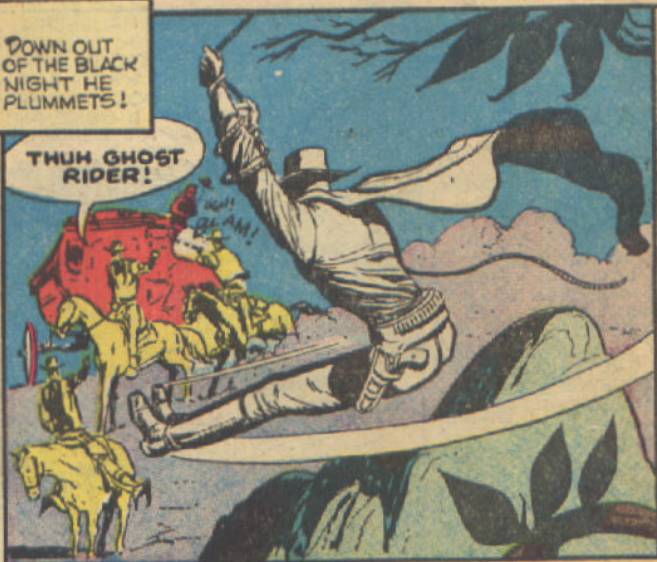


BUT THE NIGHT THE DOOM GANG STOPS THE STAGE, THEY ARE BEING WATCHED BY A GRIM FIGURE WHO HAS TRAVELLED FAR TO PROVE THAT NO MAN IS BIGGER THAN THE LAW...

DOWN OUT OF THE BLACK NIGHT HE PLUMMETS!



THROW DOWN THET STRONG BOX PRONTO!



THUH GHOST RIDER!



MAKE TRACKS BACK TO THE VALLEY! HE WON'T DARE FOLLOW US THAR...

THE OWLHOOTS HAVE FLED... AND NOW THE GHOST RIDER'S HANDS MOVE SWIFTLY AS HE MINISTERS TO THE WOUNDED GUARD...



THERE! YOUR WOUND IS DRESSED AND I AM FREE TO TRAIL THE VILLAINS TO THEIR LAIR!

NO! DON'T GO AFTER THEM!

THEY'RE HEADED FOR DOOM VALLEY!

THEY HAVE GUARDS ON EVERY TRAIL LEADIN' INTO THUH VALLEY!

NO LAW-MAN THET'S GONE IN AFTER THEM EVER CAME BACK ALIVE!





DOOM VALLEY CAN BE NO WORSE THAN THE MANY FEARSOME VALLEYS I HAVE CROSSED ON THE LONG JOURNEY HERE FROM THE LAND OF THE DEAD! TOMORROW AT MIDNIGHT—I RIDE THERE!!!



WORD OF THE GHOST RIDER'S DARING SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE! AND THE NEXT DAY—

SO HE'S TELLIN' FOLKS HE'S COMIN' HERE AT MIDNIGHT! MUST BE HE FIGURES TO SCARE US! THINKIN' WE'LL PULL OUT! WAL— LET HIM COME... WE'LL BE READY FER HIM! **DOUBLE THE GUARDS!**



IT IS ALMOST MIDNIGHT NOW!!!

EVERY APPROACH TO THUH VALLEY IS COVERED BY CROSS-FIRE! **THUH GHOST RIDER** WON'T STAND A CHANCE!!!

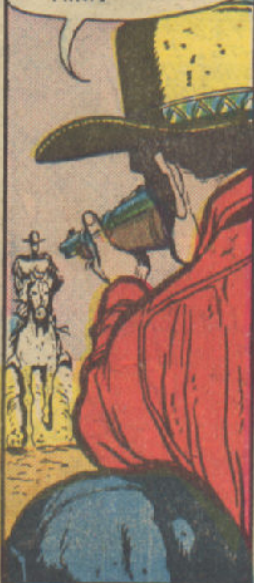


AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE APPROACH BORDERING BOTTOMLESS CHASM—

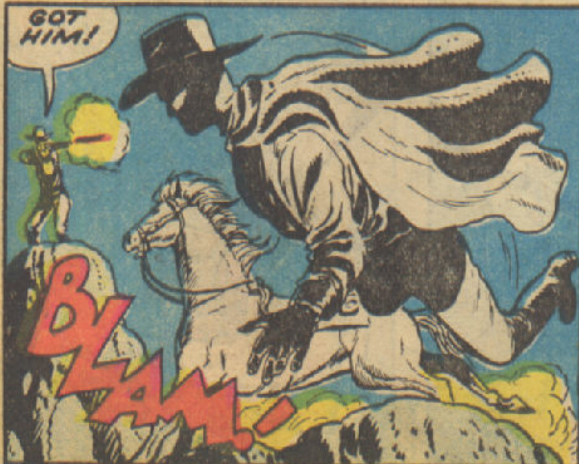
SHHHH— THAR HE COMES NOW!



NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT— I GOT MY SIGHTS RIGHT ON HIM!



GOT HIM!



THUH HORSE GOT AWAY!

WHO CARES? THET CRITTER CAN'T HARM US NONE!!! HEH-HEH-HEH— **THE GHOST RIDER** SURE BIT OFF MORE THAN HE COULD CHEW WHEN HE TRIED COMIN' INTO DOOM VALLEY AFTER US! WAIT TILL THUH BOSS HEARS HOW EASY IT WAS!!!

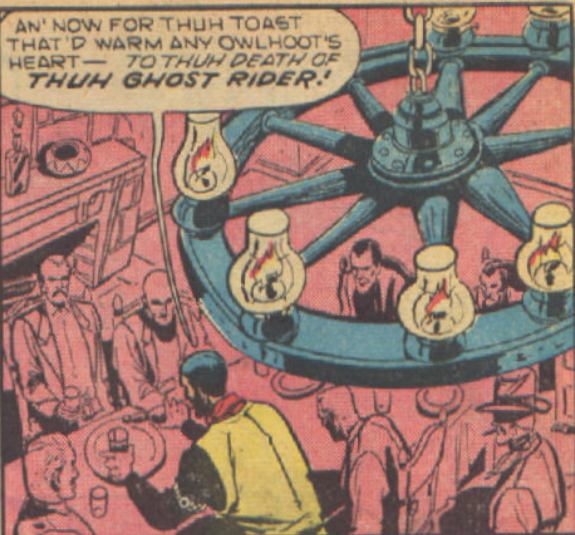




WHEN MIKE DOOM HEARS, HE CALLS HIS MEN IN!

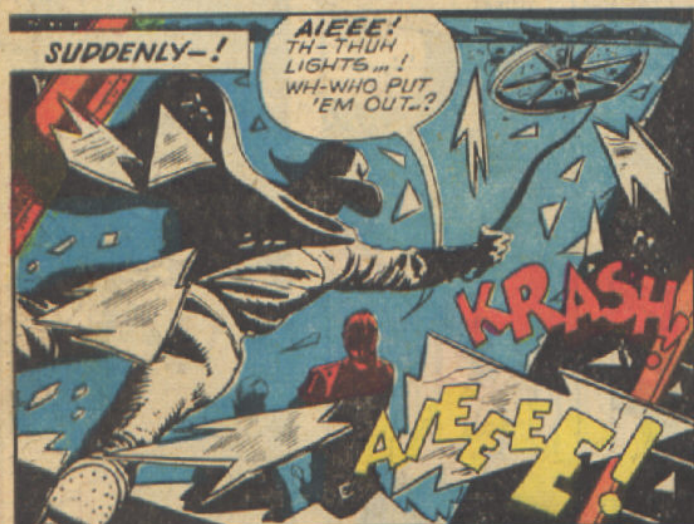


AN' NOW FOR THUH TOAST THAT'D WARM ANY OWLHOOT'S HEART— TO THUH DEATH OF THUH GHOST RIDER!



SUDDENLY—!

AIEEE!  
TH-THUH  
LIGHTS ...!  
WH-WHO PUT  
'EM OUT...?



FOOLS! YOU THOUGHT TO SLAY A GHOST! THOUGH RIDDLED BY YOUR BULLETS, I AM HERE! ... AND NOW, MIKE DOOM, YOUR DOOM IS SEALED!

IT-IT'S ME HE'S AFTER! FORM A CIRCLE AROUND ME, MEN! FAST!



H-HE'S DISAPPEARED!

HE KNOWS WHEN HE'S LICKED! YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER, BOSS!



A QUICK CAPE REVERSAL FROM WHITE TO BLACK RENDERED ME INVISIBLE! THEN A LARIAT-TOSS... AND NOW TO CLIMB UP TO THE OVERHEAD BEAM! AND IN A MOMENT, MIKE DOOM WILL REALIZE THAT...



... HIS TROUBLES HAVE JUST BEGUN!

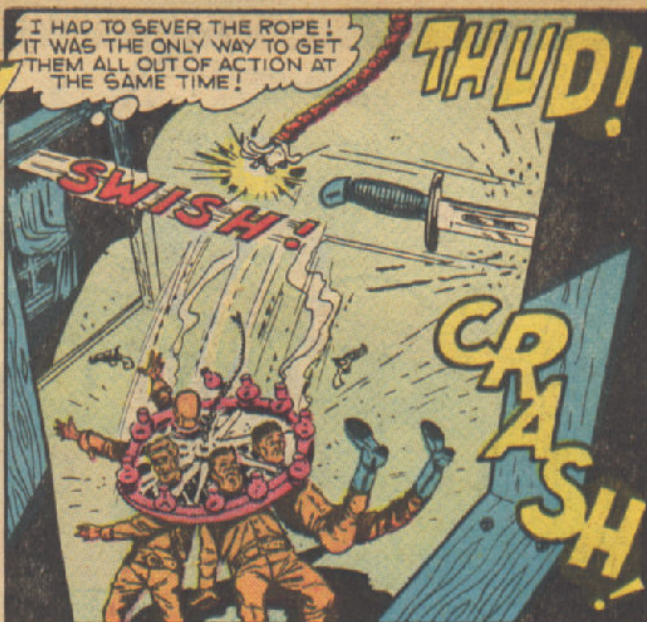
AIEEE!  
SHOOT  
MEN,  
SHOOT!  
HE'S RIGHT  
OVER ME!



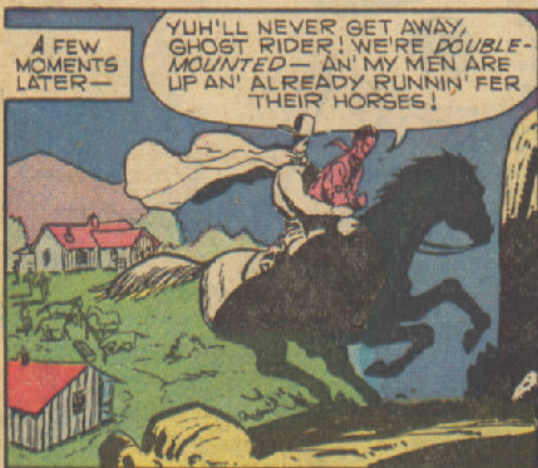




WHAT CAN A SINGLE KNIFE FLUNG HIGH OVER HIS ENEMIES HEADS AVAIL THE GHOST RIDER NOW?

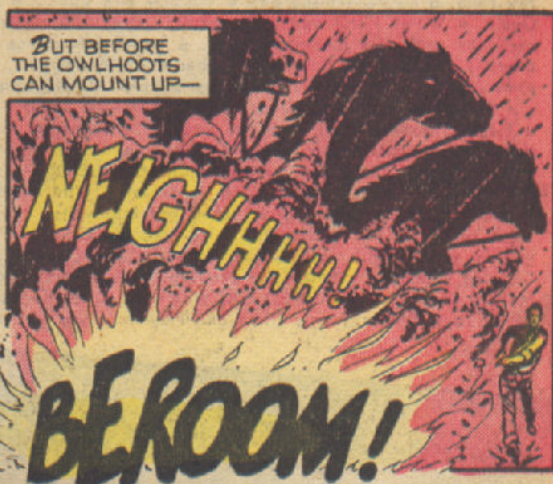


I HAD TO SEVER THE ROPE! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THEM ALL OUT OF ACTION AT THE SAME TIME!

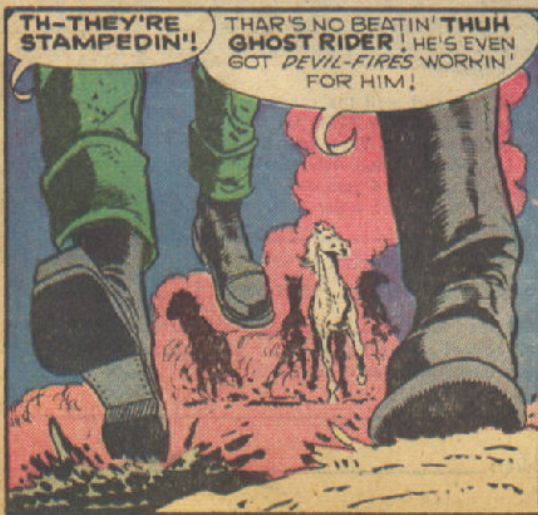


A FEW MOMENTS LATER—

YUH'LL NEVER GET AWAY, GHOST RIDER! WE'RE DOUBLE-MOUNTED— AN' MY MEN ARE UP AN' ALREADY RUNNIN' FER THEIR HORSES!

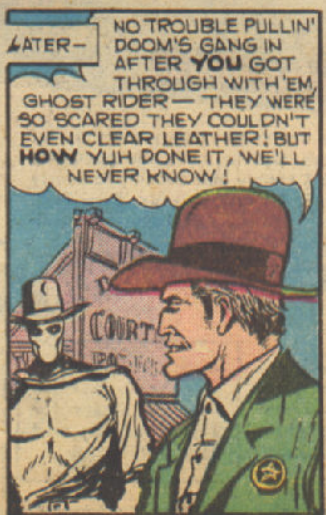


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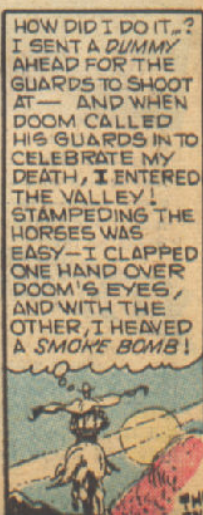
TH—THEY'RE STAMPEDIN'!

THAR'S NO BEATIN' THUH GHOST RIDER! HE'S EVEN GOT DEVIL-FIRES WORKIN' FOR HIM!



LATER—

NO TROUBLE PULLIN' DOOM'S GANG IN AFTER YOU GOT THROUGH WITH 'EM, GHOST RIDER— THEY WERE SO SCARED THEY COULDN'T EVEN CLEAR LEATHER! BUT HOW YUH DONE IT, WE'LL NEVER KNOW!



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